

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**  
Room 30 West House Building, State Capitol Complex  
January 26, 2016

**Members Present:** Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co-Chair  
Rep. Paul Ray, Co-Chair  
Rep. Edward H. Redd, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson  
Sen. Alvin B. Jackson  
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa  
Sen. Todd Weiler  
Rep. Melvin R. Brown  
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck  
Rep. Bradley M. Daw  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Robert Spendlove  
Rep. Earl D. Tanner  
Rep. Raymond Ward

**Members Absent:** Sen. Mark B. Madsen

**Staff Present:** Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Stephen C. Jardine, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Tonya Hadley, Secretary

**Note:** A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Call to Order**

Co-Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

At this time, there was not a quorum in the Senate. The minutes were approved later.

**3. General Session Overview**

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, itemized the committee's schedule for the 2016 session.  
[Social Services Subcommittee - Calendar 2016](#)

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to approve the December 15, 2015 minutes. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Escamilla, Sen. Jackson, Sen. Shiozawa, Rep. Redd, Rep. Brown, Rep. Daw, and Rep. Hollins absent for the vote.

#### **4. Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda**

None.

#### **5. Base Budget Introduction**

Mr. Frandsen imparted information on why there are changes in the base budget. Co-chair Christensen offered an analogy.

#### **6. Motions for Subcommittee Consideration - #1A & 1B**

Mr. Frandsen referenced [Motions for Subcommittee Consideration](#). He presented information on Motion item #1A & 1B. A vote will be taken later.

Co-chair Christensen interrupted the presentation to remind the committee that they can ask questions or make a motion at any time.

Sen. Weiler queried about the base budget sheet they received on their desks. Mr. Frandsen stated it is a starting point. Committee members and staff can make suggestions on the proposals. Sen. Weiler also asked for a breakdown on how this year's base budget differs from last year's base budget.

Mr. Frandsen indicated this will be supplied.

#### **7. Consensus Funding Reduction Items - 2016**

Mr. Frandsen and Mr. Stephen Jardine, Fiscal Analyst, detailed the reductions that the agencies and staff agreed are available to re-allocate. [Consensus Funding Reduction Items - 2016](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to accept all the funding reduction and consensus revenue items. Mr. Frandsen sought clarification they were the reductions from the sheet entitled [Consensus Funding Reduction Items](#), dated 4:05 PM 1/22/2016. This was confirmed. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Escamilla and Sen. Shiozawa absent for the vote.

#### **8. Tools for Looking at Base Budget**

Mr. Frandsen showed [slides](#) explaining the tools available to understand the budget.

The following are links to other tools:

[www.transparent.utah.gov](http://www.transparent.utah.gov)

[www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov) (search by keyword)

[Trend Analysis 2000-2017](#)

[8a1-Federal Grant Excess Reserves - DOH - 2016 General Session - without Indirect](#)

[8a2-Federal Grant Excess Reserves - DHS - 2016 General Session](#)

[8a3-Federal Grant Excess Reserves - DWS - 2016 General Session](#)

[8a4-Federal Grant Excess Reserves - USOR - 2016 General Session](#)

[8b1-Other State Funds - Department of Health - 2016 GS](#)

[8b2-Other State Funds - Department of Human Services - 2016 GS](#)

[8b3-Other State Funds - Department of Workforce Services - 2016 GS](#)

[8b4-Other State Funds - Utah State Office of Rehabilitation - 2016 GS](#)

[Budget Reduction Options](#)

**9. Update on High Cost Individuals**

[9a-High Cost Individuals Report Summary - Issue Brief](#)

[9b. High Cost Individuals \(by Eligibility Group\)](#)

[9c. High Cost Individuals \(by Eligibility Group\) - Attachments](#)

Mr. Nathan Checketts, Acting Medicaid Director, DOH, and Mr. Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, DHS, provided a summary of the 2,419 individuals receiving services exceeding \$100,000 annually.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked what the state's portion was. Mr. Checketts supplied that the Medicaid portion is 30 percent and the DHS group is primarily state funds. USBC is the one exception to that, according to Mr. Brasher.

Rep. Tanner inquired how they could make different decisions to scale down cost. Mr. Checketts shared that they have partnered with ACOs. The reasons vary widely as to why these people are expensive to treat. Rep. Redd asked what percentage of these costs could have been prevented if there was earlier intervention. There is not data available to answer his question.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked if we have a large portion of folks that fall into high-cost arenas, compared to other states. Mr. Checketts identified that Utah is pretty normal. Rep. Ward commented on the cost of hospitalization, as a cause.

**10. Review Recently Funded Ongoing Items/ 11. First Performance Report for Building Blocks With New State Funding From 2015 General Session/ 12. Report on Performance Measures in Base Budget**

Mr. Jardine recommended that these three agenda items be done as one item.

Each State Social Service agency, in turn, itemized the impact of last year's funding and reported on performance measures. Dr. Joseph Miner, Executive Director, DOH; Mr. Brasher and Ms. Lana Stohl, Deputy Director, DHS; Mr. Jon Pierpont, Executive Director, DWS, and Mr. Greg Paras, Deputy Director, DWS; Mr. Darin Brush, Executive Director, USOR, and Ms. Stacey

Cummings, Deputy Director, USOR, each spoke for their agencies. [LFA - Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report \(Social Services\)](#).

Co-chair Christensen stated that “under-served” does not correlate with rural. Dr. Miner returned, “not at all”. Co-chair Christensen, Rep. Redd, and Rep. Ward brought up issues regarding the registration of deaths using the on-line system. Dr. Miner resolved the inquiries.

Co-Chair Christensen quizzed about children who did not show documented improvement. Dr. Miner disclosed the reasons. Co-Chair Christensen called attention to New York’s cigarette tax.

Rep. Redd probed about the 71 cases of infants with pertussis. He wanted to know 71 out of how many total cases. Dr. Miner didn’t have the answer, but Mr. Frandsen located stats on-line. Rep. Redd sought understanding about how many of these cases were hospitalized and how many resulted in their death. Dr. Miner did not know.

Rep. Tanner questioned about autism being required to be included in Medicaid. Dr. Miner affirmed. Rep. Ward asked how Utah ranks in vaccination rates nationally. Dr. Miner revealed.

Rep. Hollins quizzed about the increase in gonorrhea. Dr. Miner specified high risk age groups. Rep. Chavez-Houck queried about success measures for the marriage commission. Ms. Stohl identified. Rep. Chavez-Houck questioned the challenges getting afterschool programs off the ground.

Mr. Pierpont sorted it out.

Co-Chair Ray, Co-Chair Christensen, Sen. Escamilla, and Rep. Tanner asked Mr. Brush his opinion about moving USOR. Mr. Brush and Mr. Jardine answered.

[10a-Performance Measure Results for 2014 General Session Building Blocks - Department of Health](#)

[10b-Performance Measure Results for 2014 General Session Building Blocks - Human Services](#)

[10c-Performance Measure Results for 2014 General Session Building Blocks - Workforce Services](#)

[10c2-Performance Results 2014 GS Refugee TANF Funded Items](#)

[10d-Performance Measure Results for 2014 General Session Building Blocks - USOR](#)

[11a-Performance Measures for New Funding - DOH - 2016 GS](#)

[11b-Performance Measures for New Funding - DHS - 2016 GS](#)

[11c-Performance Measures for New Funding - DWS - 2016 GS](#)

[11d-Performance Measures for New Funding - USOR - 2016 GS](#)

[12a-Performance Measures - 3 Line Item Jan. 1, 2016 Report - Health](#)

[12b-Performance Measures - 3 Line Item Jan. 1, 2016 Report - Human Services](#)

[12d-Performance Measures - 3 Line Item Jan. 1, 2016 Report – USOR](#)

Mr. Jardine highlighted the [Fiscal Note and Budget Follow-up report](#). Mr. Frandsen touched on items #AE and #W on [Budget Reduction Options](#). Rep. Redd asked how to suggest additional measures. Mr. Frandsen advised them to discuss these with the agencies on the days they present. They discussed that drafts should be drawn up before next week.

## **15. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Ray moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Henderson absent for the vote. Co-Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

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Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co-Chair

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Rep. Paul Ray, Co-Chair